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SUBJECT: IRVING BROWN'S EUROPEAN RE-EMERGENCE NOTED

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE RE-EMERGENCE OF IRVING BROWN AS AN AFL-CIO EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE IS NOTED BY THE SUNDAY TIMES (OCTOBER 27) ALTHOUGH IN AN ARTICLE WHICH LARGELY CONCERNS ITSELF WITH AMERICAN POLICY AND ACTIVITIES IN CHILE (FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED). END SUMMARY

2. THE AUTHORS OF THE ARTICLE, ENTITLED: 'DESTABILIZATION,' GODFREY HUDSON AND WILLIAM SHAWCROSS, AFTER NOTING "THAT THERE ARE WIDESPREAD RUMORS AND REPORTS OF AMERICAN COVERT POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN PORTUGAL, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN ITALY, GREECE AND EVEN SPAIN AS WELL" GO ON TO SAY: "EVEN MORE TITILLATING, FOR CONNOISSEURS OF THE CIA LEGEND, IS THE NEWS THAT IRVING BROWN HAS BEEN ON THE WARPATH AGAIN."

3. THE ARTICLE DESCRIBES BROWN'S KEY ROLE IN HELPING TO  
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SET UP THE "THIRD FORCE" TRADE UNIONS IN BOTH FRANCE

AND ITALY: "SOME WOULD SAY HE HELPED TO SAVE WESTERN EUROPE FROM COMMUNISM, OTHERS THAT HE HELPED TO SPLIT THE EUROPEAN LEFT." THE AUTHORS ADD THAT BROWN WAS IDENTIFIED IN 1967 IN A SATURDAY EVENING POST ARTICLE BY A FORMER CIA OFFICIAL AND BY THE WASHINGTON POST AS HAVING WORKED FOR THE CIA "WHICH CHanneled MONEY TO ANTI-COMMUNIST UNIONS THROUGH HIM."

4. THE AUTHORS NOTE THAT "LAST YEAR HE RETURNED TO EUROPE AFTER EIGHT YEARS OF CONCERN WITH AFRICAN AFFAIRS BECAUSE -- HE TOLD US -- GEORGE MEANY, THE FIERCELY ANTI-COMMUNIST HEAD OF THE AFL-CIO THOUGHT THAT NOT ENOUGH WAS BEING DONE TO STRENGTHEN THE CENTER IN EUROPE." THE ARTICLE FURTHER STATES THAT IN EARLY MAY BROWN WENT TO LISBON "TO SEE WHAT HE COULD DO TO DEVELOP ANTI-COMMUNIST UNIONS IN PORTUGAL" FOLLOWING WHICH, IN JULY, "HE TRAVELLED TO ROME, WHERE HIS GOAL WAS TO TRY TO ENCOURAGE SPLITS IN THE ITALIAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AND STOP THE TREND TOWARDS A UNIFIED, COMMUNIST-DOMINATED UNION MOVEMENT."

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